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July 9, 2007

## VIA E-FILING & HAND DELIVERY

Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Application of WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Long Distance Service Offerings within the State of South Carolina

Docket No.: 2007-112-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Motion To Dismiss in the above referenced docket.

Please note that the attached documents are exact duplicates, with the exception of the form of the signature, of the e-filed copy submitted to the Commission in accordance with its electronic filing instructions.

By copy of this letter we are also serving all other parties of record. Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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CLH/pjm Enclosures

cc:

Margaret M. Fox, Esquire

Beverly Jackson, WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd.

#### **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### **OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **DOCKET NO. 2007-112-C**

IN RE:	)	
	)	
Application of WinSonic Digital Media	)	
Group, Ltd. for a Certificate of Public	)	MOTION TO DISMISS
Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	APPLICATION
Facilities Based and Resold Local Exchange	)	WITH PREJUDICE
And Long Distance Service Offerings	)	
Within South Carolina.	)	

TO: Beverly Jackson, Representative of WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd., And Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, Counsel for South Carolina Telephone Coalition.

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-804 (T)(1)(b) and 103-844(A), hereby moves for an order dismissing the application in the above-referenced docket. In support thereof, ORS would respectfully show as follows:

- 1. This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") pursuant to the Application filed by WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd ("WinSonic" or "the company") on April 2, 2007.
- 2. Mr. David Butler, Esquire was appointed as Hearing Examiner in this matter by Commission Order No. 2007-259.
- 3. Upon a request by ORS for dismissal, or in the alternative, new prefiling dates, the Hearing Examiner issued a Directive on June 11, 2007 stating that WinSonic **must** obtain South Carolina counsel for representation by 4:45 p.m. on Monday, June 25, 2007 (emphasis

added). The Hearing Examiner further advised that a failure to do so may result in dismissal. (Directive attached.)

- 4. On Thursday, July 5, 2007, Ms. Jackson, the only witness for the company, informed Counsel for ORS that she would not be attending the hearing scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2007 at 11:30 a.m., and further, that the company did not have counsel to represent the company at the hearing.
- 5. Counsel for ORS requested Ms. Jackson promptly notify the Commission and all parties in the event that the hearing would need to be cancelled.
- 6. As of Friday, July 6, 2007, the Commission had not been notified by Ms. Jackson that she did not intend to appear for the hearing.
- 7. On Monday, July 9, 2007, at approximately 8:15 a.m., Counsel for ORS retrieved an electronic message, sent by Ms. Jackson on Saturday, July 7, 2007, informing Counsel for ORS that Ms. Jackson would not be present at the July 9, 2007 hearing. The message further stated that the company had not retained counsel for the hearing. (Email attached.)
- 8. Counsel for ORS advised the Commission, along with all parties, via electronic mail, at approximately 8:45 a.m., July 9, 2007, of Ms. Jackson's email. ORS requested this matter be dismissed. (Email attached.)
- 9. The Hearing Examiner determined that based on Ms. Jackson's notification that she would not appear, and that the company did not retain counsel for the hearing, that the hearing would be cancelled. He further indicated that he would entertain formal motions on this matter.
- 10. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(T)(1)(a) and (b), the Applicant is required to be represented, in a proceeding before the Commission, by an attorney authorized to

practice law in South Carolina (or authorized to practice before the courts of any other state upon

association with an attorney admitted to practice in South Carolina). The Applicant stated that

the company had no counsel for the hearing. Additionally, there has been no letter of

representation filed by an attorney on behalf of the company in this matter.

11. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-844(A), this matter may be dismissed

with prejudice due to the failure to appear. The only witness for the company stated that she

would not be present for the hearing. Furthermore, the Applicant did not request a continuance

in this matter.

WHEREFORE, having fully set forth its motion, ORS requests that its Motion to

Dismiss with prejudice be granted and an order dismissing the application be issued. Finally,

ORS requests that the Commission grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire Attorney for the Office of

Regulatory Staff

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July 9, 2007 Columbia, South Carolina

## COMMISSION HEARING EXAMINER DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS		DATE	June 11, 2007
MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS		DOCKET NO.	2007-112-C
UTILITIES MATTERS	$\boxtimes$	ORDER NO.	n/a-
HEARING EXAMINER: Day	id Butler		

# **DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

Application of WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Long Distance Service Offerings within the State of South Carolina

## MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request by Office of Regulatory Staff for dismissal or, in the alternative, new prefiling dates.

## **HEARING EXAMINER ACTION:**

Request denied. However, WinSonic must obtain South Carolina counsel for representation by 4:45 PM on Monday, June 25, 2007. Failure to do so may result in dismissal.

# Hammonds, Lessie

From: Beverly Jackson [bjackson@wdcsn.net]

Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2007 9:53 PM

To: Hammonds, Lessie

Subject: RE: WinSonic Application

#### Ms. Hammonds,

I'm terribly sorry that there was no reply from Winston Johnson. I was not in the office on Friday 07/6/07, but I was checking my email messages and I did not hear from him. I will not be at the hearing on Monday, as my pre-filed testimony was not filed by local counsel, and there is no local counsel representation for the hearing.

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From: Hammonds, Lessie [mailto:lhammon@regstaff.sc.gov]

**Sent:** Fri 7/6/2007 7:11 AM

To: Beverly Jackson

Subject: WinSonic Application

Ms. Jackson,

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## Thanks, Lessie

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# Hammonds, Lessie

From:

Hammonds, Lessie

Sent:

Monday, July 09, 2007 8:47 AM

To:

'Butler, David'; Fox, Peg; Beverly Jackson

Subject:

FW: WinSonic Application

Importance: High

#### Mr. Butler,

In light of the below email, ORS moves to dismiss the application of WinSonic. Ms. Jackson, the comany's only witness, will not be present for the hearing. Furthermore, the company has not retained local counsel for the hearing.

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# **OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **DOCKET NO. 2007-112-C**

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	Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	SERVICE
	Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange	)	
	and Long Distance Service Offerings within	)	
	the State of South Carolina	<u> </u>	

This is to certify that I, Pamela J. McMullan, have this date served one (1) copy of the MOTION TO DISMISS in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

Beverly Jackson, VP of Regulatory Affairs WinSonic Digital Media Group, Ltd. 101 Marietta Street, NW Suite 2600 Atlanta, GA, 30303

> Margaret M. Fox, Esquire McNair Law Firm, P.A. Post Office Box 11390 Columbia, SC, 29211

> > Pamela J. McMullan

July 9, 2007 Columbia, South Carolina